Statement

Value of Stores Purchased through SSI industries, PSUs, and Private Sector against Total Purchase

Value in crores of Rupees

Year	Total Purchases	Purchase through SSI Sector	%Age	Purchase through PSUs	%Age	Purchase through Pvt. Sectors (Includes SSI)	%Age
1992-93	3271.13	342.12	10.5	1863.61	56.96	1407.82	43.04
1993-94	2800.76	239.17	8.6	1330.60	47.51	1470.16	52.49
1994-95	2187.75 (Provisional)	237.25	10.8	1051.93 (Provisional)	48.08	1135.82 (Provisional)	51.92

Payment of CCS to PSUs

5859. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 892 given in the Rajya Sabha on 20th March, 1995 and state :

(a) whether some cases of PSUs for payment of CCS have been pending with the office of Joint Director General of Foreign Trade, Cochin for the last several years;

(b) whether in some cases the payment were withheld due to objection raised by Audit authorities;

(c) whether Government had advised such audit objections to be dropped and payments to be released;

(d) whether despite such advice the issue has not yet been settled;

(e) whether Government will ensure that the PSUs affected by such technical problems are immediately cleared of their dues on a/c of CCS without further delay; and

(f) if so, the facts and details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) to (f) While no case of any public sector undertaking is pending for payment of CCS, in respect of one case of M/s. Balmer Lawrie & Co. Ltd. Audit has raised objections about alleged overpayment. The matter was taken up with the principal Director of Audit, Madras, However, the Audit para has still not been dropped and is being taken up further.

Proposal for setting-up Free Trade Zone at Vadinar Port in Gujarat

5860. SHRI ANANTRAY DEV SHANKER DAVE:
SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARIBHAI SHUKLA:

Will the MInister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal/request from Government of Gujarat for setting up of free trade zone at Vadinar Port in Jamnagar district;

(b) if so, the details of places identified therefor at Vadinar Port area; and

(c) the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Restrictions on Indian Imports by Bangladesh

5861. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM:
SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Bangladesh has imposed some procedural restrictions on Indian imports;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether the exports have been affected at large due to restrictions imposed by Government of Bangladesh; and

(d) if so, the further reaction of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No such restrictions have come to Government's notice.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Study by IIFT Regarding Joining Indian Ocean Trade Block

5862. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether an independent study conducted by the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade has favoured India joining the proposed Indian Ocean Trade Block for a preferential trading arrangement;

(b) if so, the names of the other Indian ocean countries which are likely to join this venture; and

(c) details of the preferential trading arrangement proposed to be made and how India is likely to be benefited thereby?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The study was with special reference to the 10 Littoral countries namely, Comoros, India, Maldives, Madagascar, Mauritius, Mozambique, Reunion Islands Seychelles, Sri Lanka and South Africa.

Other Indian Ocean Rim countries include Baharain, Bangladesh, Indonesia, Iran, Kenya, Kuwait, Oman, Pakistan, Singapore, Thailand, UAE, Austrialia etc. Since the entire exercise is in a nascent stage, it is too early to indicate the likely membership or the trading arrangements or the precise benefits accruing to us.

आयातों और निर्यातों की वृद्धि-दरें

5863. **श्री कनकसिंह मोहनसिंह मंगरोला:**
चौधरी हरमोहन सिंह:

क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री 20 मार्च, 1995 को राज्य सभा में अतारांकित प्रश्न 870 के दिये गये उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान भारत के आयात और निर्यात की वृद्धि दर कितनी-कितनी रही है?

वाणिज्य मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी० चिदम्बरम्): व्यापार संबंधी आंकड़े वित्तीय वर्ष के आधार पर संकलित किए जाते हैं। वर्ष 1992-93, 1993-94 तथा 1994-95 के दौरान भारत के आयात और निर्यात की वृद्धि दर डालर के रूप में नीचे दी गयी है:—

	निर्यात (% वृद्धि)	आयात (% वृद्धि)
1992-93	3.8	12.7
1993-94	20.0	6.5
1994-95*	18.3	21.7

*अनंतिम आंकड़ों के आधार पर